

Nigerian LIS Research in the Post-Covid-19 Era

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Mousaion: Journal of Library and Information Studies is a peer-reviewed journal dedicated generally to publishing research articles on Library and Information Science (LIS). The journal also publishes bibliographical information relevant to postgraduate research in South Africa and other countries in Africa and beyond.

In its 40th year of existence, *Mousaion* has dedicated a special edition to Nigerian LIS authors, based on their contributions to the journal, courtesy of the editorial board members under the leadership of editor-in-chief, Prof. Thomas van der Walt. This decision that resulted in the appointment of two Nigerians as guest editors for the special edition is highly commendable.

This assignment commenced in the year 2020, when the pandemic was still biting very hard. Observably, researchers globally were committed to their research, even amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, and did not let the ravage of the disease stop or disrupt the conduct of their research investigations.

Based on its excellence and best practice in scholarly publication, in this special edition of *Mousaion*, many articles were considered, out of which the best eight were selected. The first article focuses on awareness and the use of electronic resources as predictors of scholarly publication output of researchers in national research institutes in Nigeria (Nigerian Stored Product Research Institute). It is an excellent investigation that sheds light on the importance of electronic resources and how their use is increasing the research output of researchers in a stored product research institute.

The following article addresses the information behaviour of social media users in Nigeria during Covid-19. This, being one of the research projects conducted during Covid-19, focuses on the information behaviour of social media users. The research was able to establish the information behaviour of social media users during Covid-19 in terms of the behaviours they presented and coupled with the information they sought as a precaution against the pandemic.

The next article is about the relevance of “big data” analytics in Nigerian academic libraries, focusing on the University of Ilorin’s library experience. Big data is now considered a formidable technology that is currently beneficial to libraries, irrespective of their types. This article has shed light on how big data can be of benefit to academic libraries, with special reference to the University of Ilorin library in Nigeria.

The remaining articles in this special edition are those that examine library and information services; assessment of industrial researchers and librarians; information literacy competencies; use of electronic information resources among undergraduates; librarians’ satisfaction with promotion practices in university libraries in South-Nigeria; availability and use of information and communication technologies at an international airport in Nigeria. While the last article assesses ICT competencies among librarians in University libraries in Bayelsa State, Nigeria.

There is no doubt that this edition is an excellent piece that provides rich information, which LIS researchers from across Africa should not miss. In light of this, we appreciate the work done by all the contributors, particularly the Nigerian LIS researchers, because this edition is dedicated to feature publications, having considered their contribution to *Mousaion*.

As we conclude, permit us to call on all *Mousaion* stakeholders to join this collective venture by reviewing the contents of this special edition.

Thank you all— long live *Mousaion*, and long live Unisa Information Science.